## **Preston Kiser Letters**

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# **Biographical Note:**

Preston Kiser was born around 1833. He married Catherine Lonberger in October 1856. They lived in Jackson Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana where Kiser farmed. Preston was mustered into military service on December 10, 1861. They had at least one child, George H. Kiser. During the Civil War, Kiser served as a Private in Company G of the 40th Indiana Regiment. He died in Nashville, Tennessee on April 1, 1862.

#### Sources

1860 United States Federal Census Record. Ancestry.com. < <a href="http://search.ancestrylibrary.com">http://search.ancestrylibrary.com</a>> Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana. vol. v. Indianapolis, IN: Samuel M. Douglas, 1866.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

This collection consists of Civil War letters sent by Kiser to his wife and children, dating from 1861 to 1862, with miscellaneous additional materials. Kiser's letters describe his life in camp, illnesses, and home activities. The letters with accompanying translations, and additional items, were organized by Frances Alma Newkirk Reber, Kiser's great-granddaughter. The materials have been left as Reber organized them, so there is not strict chronological arrangement.

Each copied letter is accompanied by a typed transcription. The collection also includes a copied typed transcript overview and biographical information about Kiser and his family. The translations, numbering, and editing were done by Reber between 1982 and 1984.

# Item Listing:

1984 Cover and typescript, "Civil War Letters," by Frances Alma Newkirk Reber, 2 pp.

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undated
                  PD, poem, "Red, White, and Blue."
undated
                   Envelope
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Lafayette barracks, 4 pp.
1861 Sept. 19
1861 Nov. 26
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, 2 pp.
1861 Dec. 13
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Lafayette barracks, 2 pp.
1861 Dec. 20
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, West Point, Indiana, 2 pp.
1861 Dec. 25
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Camp Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2 pp.
1862 Jan. 2
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Camp Lafayette, 2 pp.
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Louisville, KY, 3 pp.
1862 Jan. 6
1862 Jan. 10
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, 4 pp.
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, 4 pp.
1862 Jan. 12
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Lebanon, KY, 4 pp.
1862 Jan. 20
                 ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
1862 Jan. 26
1862 Jan. 27
                 ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, camp Young, Ky. 4 pp.
1862 Jan. 27
                 ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
1862 Feb. 5
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Lebanon, KY, 4 pp.
1862 Feb. 7
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Camp Spring Garden, Ky. 4 pp.
1862 Feb. [7]
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Lebanon, KY, 4 pp.
1862 Feb. 8
1862 Feb. 11
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Leabanon, KY, 4 pp.
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Leabanon, KY, 2 pp.
1862 Feb. 11
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Leabanon, KY 4 pp.
1862 Feb. []
1862 Feb. 16
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Munfordville, KY, 6 pp.
                 ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
1862 Feb. 21
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Munfordville, KY, 5 pp.
1862 Feb. 22
1862 Feb. 23
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Munfordville, KY, 3 pp. With poem, 3 pp.
                 ALS, incomplete, Kiser to wife, 2 pp.
1862 Feb. []
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
1862 Mar. 5
1862 Mar. 10
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Term. 3 pp.
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 2 pp.
1862 Mar. 14
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
1862 Mar. 14
1862 Mar. 17
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
1862 Mar. 17
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
1862 Mar. 22
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
1862 Mar. 23
                 ALS. Kiser to wife. Nashville, Tenn. 3 pp.
1862 Mar. 24
                 ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 3 pp
1862 Mar. 27
                 ALS, Kiser to son George. 1 p.
1862 [Mar.]
1862 [Mar.]
                 ALS, Kiser to Margaret Lonberger. 1 p.
                 ALS, Kiser to Margaret Lonberger, Munfordville, KY. 4 pp.
1862 Feb. 10
                 ALS, Kiser to Ann Lonberger. 4 pp.
1862 Mar. 15
1862 Mar. 19
                 ALS, Harry Lonberger to Margaret Lonberger. Nashville,
                    Tenn. 2 pp.
                 ALS, N. J. Miller to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
1864 May
1864 Dec. 18
                 ALS, Maggie Bennett to Katherine Kiser. 2 pp.
                 ALS, Maggie Bennett to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
1866 Feb. 13
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undated ALS (incomplete), Maggie Bennett to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.

1865 Mar. 27 ALS, Joseph Bowers to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
1865 July 28 ALS, Joseph Bowers to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
1867 July 18 ALS, Mary Jane Hawk to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.

1868 Feb. 22 ALS, Rob Roy to Katherine Kiser. 2 pp.

1870 Dec. 13 ALS, R. C. Joseph to [Katherine Kiser]. 2 pp.

1872 June 28 ALS, Rebecki Morris t o children. 4 pp.

1865 Mar. 4 ANS, John S. Longberger

1865 Mar. 12 ANS, R. E. Charles.

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